

Transcript of Death by Chocolate Video

(The last page contains the name of the murderer, so be careful if you do not want to know!)

Introduction -Step 1 in the Party Planner

Hercule McClue:

Bonsoir mesdames et messieurs, je m'appelle Hercule McClue. I am an inspector from les autorités

I will be your host and guide for this evening. I know you have gathered here at the request of the Billy Bonka the famous American chocolate manufacturer - but I regret to have to inform you... that messieur Bonka will not be joining us for supper. He is... well... dead!

He has been murdered in his hotel room!

He was murdered! He was killed by a bomb! A bomb that had been placed inside a chocolate Easter Egg!

This is a very delicate problem. Messieur Bonka was an honored visitor to our country, and this establishment, the Hotel Paradiso, is a quality hotel in a quality district!

We are not used to scandal here, but NOW we have a MURDER!

And now, my suspicion is that one of YOU around this table is the murderer!

Or maybe it is more than one. But whatever it is, someone HERE planted that bomb... and I shall find out who. Maybe you too should discover which of you is the killer... but be warned, this may take some time. It is not a sprint, but a marathon.

I have found some documents that might help. You may have a look (McClue hands out the "documents". This could be the character books.)

I shall rejoin you later, mes amis.

Now go to step 2 in the Party Planner.

Step 6 in the Party Planner

Video. When discussion has reached a natural end, play the First Course on the Video to wrap up Round One. (Hercule McClue will summarize the information that should have been revealed.)

Hercule McClue:

And so mes amis, we meet again. And... we meet some problem. Messieurs Billy Bonka - it seems makes eggs without ethics. He STEALS his ideas from ----- his famous egg nouveau is only possible because he had stolen the chocolate engineering from monsieur Chocolat Bertrand! And madame Maria Von Schnapps also has problems with him!

I'm thinking no one in the chocolate industry liked this man, and they are all glad he is dead. Billy Bonka was very concerned with marketing and he liked to employ other people to promote his products. Dr. Doris Johnson has already fallen out with him over the question of the Aztecs. But he has already invited Barbara Carthorse and Little Fitz to advertise the egg nouveau. And maybe as well Dr. Sigmund Fraud.

And messieur Mike Bison – he too has worked for him many years ago! This Billy Bonka has a finger in many tarts, as the English say. “Le Tarte de Chocolat!” This is my small joke.

The only person who has no professional connection with him is Marchioness Duchamp... but then she knows about chocolat anyway. She makes her sculptures from chocolat – which may be very helpful when constructing A BOMB.

Oh yes! The bomb! I have not forgotten! I have examined this device and I find there is a timer mechanism which allowed up to five hours before it went BOOM. So, I made inquiries and I find the bomb exploded at 7 o'clock. Monsieur Billy Bonka had his lunch in his room and does not leave until 3 o'clock. He returned two hours later, and he is still there when he is killed. SO between 3 and 5 the chocolate egg with the bomb inside is placed in his room.

And so, mes amis, I am using the little gray cells (pointing to head) and in the end, I shall uncover the truth!

And now, let me tell you a story I have found. I have here a newspaper cutting that I shall call “Exhibit C”. (Hercule holds up a newspaper from March 12th, 1898 from the New York Metro Late Edition. The main headline reads “Bison’s Body in Bonka’s Delight” with a sub headline reading “Industrial tragedy woman killed in chocolate accident.”)

This is about a tragedy in monsieur Bonka’s factory, just two years ago. You should have a look at this. For now I say “Cherrio!” I shall be back soon.

Now go to step 7 in the Party Planner, under “Round Two”.

Step 10 in the Party Planner

Video. When discussion has reached a natural end, play the Second Course on the Video to wrap up Round Two. (Hercule McClue will summarize the information that should have been revealed.)

Hercule McClue:

AH! So mes amis, here we are again. Happy as can be, no?

Well, uh, no. This is all very complicated. So we must take care not to over heat the pudding.

Enough is enough, no? Let me see how it all works.

Billy Bonka had been having affairs. In fact, he had no time for anything BUT having his affairs. One of these was with the mother of Dr. Sigmund Fraud. Another was with Maria Von Schnapps. And still ANOTHER was with Dr. Doris Johnson.

I think Marchioness Duchamp is unusual because she did NOT have an affair with him. BUT she DID with Monsieur Chocolat Bertrand. Marchioness Duchamp is also involved with anarchism as a member of the organization BAPS. (Bakunin and Proudhon Society) She does not like bourgeois Businessmen. Except the one she is having the affair with.

Mike Bison is having no affairs with anyone at all. BUT he is in a curious position as his mother died in a horrible accident working for Billy Bonka. She turned into chocolate fillings! But still Billy Bison carried on taking money from Billy Bonka.

Curious, no?

Dr. Doris Johnson is another lady who has fallen out with Billy Bonka – but didn't, I think, fall out of... the bed. And Little Fritz, he is a madman! He thinks he has a little friend, but his little friend is just a dummy!

SO Billy Bonka is killed with the bomb, and now he cannot exhibit his egg nouveau, which pleases Cocolat Bertrand and Maria Von Schnapps who are his rivals. It pleases Marchioness Duchamp who does not like him and what he stands for, and it pleases Dr. Doris Johnson because he can no longer treat her beloved Aztecs with mockery. Maybe too it pleases Mike Byson, who sees it as revenge for his mother.

Now, I have discovered messieur Bonka's diary, and it contains entries that may prove very significant.

Billy Bonka's Diary Entry:

Saturday, April 14th, 1900

That fool Barbara Carthorse has written me a note demanding that we meet!

She seems to think she can put the screws on me!

God knows what she is up to, but I suppose I should meet her. Not that she means diddly to me.

And in the diary he placed the note from Barbara Carthorse.

I have things to think about, and I shall come back to you a little later. But whoever is the murder, take care! I am coming for you!

Now go to step 11 in the Party Planner, under "Round Three".

Conclusion - Step 14 in the Party Planner

Hercule McClue:

And So, we come to the final curtain. And I shall state my case, for which I am certain.

Billy Bonka was not in his room because he was summoned by a note by Dame Carthorse. BUT she says she did not write this note. We are told by Marchioness Duchamp was told by her anarchist friends to stay at the same hotel as Billy Bonka – something fishy is afoot here! And I do not like the smell of it.

Dr. Doris Johnson also has a hatred for Bonka, and she spends her time studying people who made human sacrifices. Mike Bison says he was in town for the boxing, but there is no boxing! Does he think I am that stupid? He came all this way from America!

Now that Monsieur Bonka is dead, Monsieur Bertrand and his business associates are to make more money with a new partner. Maybe Sigmund Fraud inherits from his father's will. Maria Van Schnapps is happy to see the back of her business rival. And Little Fitz cannot tell the difference between himself and a homicidal puppet!

One or more of you is the killer! Whoever it was, had to have access to Bonka's room and they had to be able to make a bomb, and to be able to seal it in a chocolate egg. Who do you think?

Now go to step 15 in the Party Planner, "Final Statements."

Step 17 in the Party Planner – the Reveal

Hercule McClue:

The note that takes Billy Banca from his hotel room is in the handwriting of Dame Barbara Carthorse, but she said she did not write it.

If not, then someone else must've done it. So we have someone who knows about chocolate eggs and about explosives. And someone who can forge handwriting. I suggest only one of you has this range of experiences. Let me remind you that one person here has said that they have spent the time "in the company of forgers and safe breakers and con men".

This person too worked in a chocolate factory, He also was seen in the hotel going back to his room after the bomb had been placed. The motivation as clear, the killing Billy Bonka was an act of revenge! A woman dies in an industrial accident and her son seeks his vengeance!

Messieur Mike Bison, I have to inform you you're under arrest for the murder of Billy Bonka! Please accompany me to the police station.

For the rest of you, remember that time is much rarer than you think. So please, don't waste it.